

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 6<sup>th</sup> January 26  
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At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 8:30 AM

Present: Honorable Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive  
 Honorable Marty Chandler, East Magistrate  
 Honorable Jeffrey Burr, West Magistrate  
 Honorable Scott Poston, North Magistrate  
 Honorable Myron Thurman, South Magistrate  
 Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney  
 Nicole Law, Treasurer  
 Sydney Downey, Fiscal Court Clerk

County Judge Executive Mason Barnes called the fiscal court meeting to order and led in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve the minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup> regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-All  
 Approve the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> special-called fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-All  
 Approve the jail food contract and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Kellwell Food Management was awarded the bid. The rate went up by fifteen cents per meal, from the previous year.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All  
 Approve library board appointments.

The library board is different than most boards. They must submit their names to the state and wait for the state to approve their recommendation before they can be appointed. Sally Maloney and Steve Marr were appointed to a four-year term through December 31, 2029.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve Horus Solar Project Road Disturbance Permit and authorize the Public Works Director and County Judge to sign.

This project will not interfere with the residents that live on the street. An agreement was made that the County would evaluate Peden Mill Road and take on the responsibility of another area in disrepair, anything else the company would be responsible for. The county will have the road fixed, and the company will pay the county for the work to get done.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-Chandler, Poston, Burr, Thurman & Barnes  
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 220.266, Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$468,295.00.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve the County Clerk 2026 Budget.

Magistrate Chandler had questions for the County Clerk regarding his budget. The County Clerk figured in a 3% pay increase. He also factored in another full-time employee that would need to be hired as well. This employee would shadow Marla until she retires, and new employee can take over the position.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All  
 Approve the maximum salaries for the 2026 County Clerk deputies, in the amount of \$476,939.00.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All  
 Approve the Sheriff's 2026 Budget.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All  
 Approve the maximum salaries for the 2026 Sheriff's deputies, in the amount of \$2,850,209.00.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve budget transfers.

\$5,000.00	01-5115-102 (Building Inspector Salary) from 01-5115-179 (Building Inspector Part-Time)
\$469.00	01-5160-999 (DTF - Contingent Appropriation) from 01-5160-202 (DTF - Retirement Match)
\$350.00	01-5120-578-B (Fire Dept. - Utilities Reserve Station) from 01-5120-578-C (Fire Dept. - Utilities District Stations)
\$300.00	01-5080-725 (Maintenance - Office Equipment) from 01-5080-429 (Maintenance - Fuel Expense)
\$1,550.00	01-5015-202-HD (Sheriff - HD Retirement Match) from 01-5015-202-NHD (Sheriff - Retirement Match)
\$2,500.00	01-5120-179 (Fire Dept. - PT Personnel) from 01-5120-334-A (Fire Dept. - Maintenance/Repair Main Station)
\$500.00	01-5015-302 (Sheriff - Advertising) from 01-5015-445 (Sheriff - Office Supplies)
\$800.00	01-5015-429 (Sheriff - Fuel Expense) from 01-5015-445 (Sheriff - Office Supplies)
\$500.00	01-5120-578-B (Fire Dept. - Utilities Reserve Station) from 01-5120-578-C (Fire Dept. - Utilities District Stations)
\$5,600.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve For Transfers) from 01-5135-703-B (OEM Communications Maintenance/Repair)
\$300.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve For Transfers) from 01-5205-334 (Animal Shelter - Maintenance/Repair Building)

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve bills and claims.

A&M Consultants	01-9100-569	780.00
AT&T Mobility	01-5135-573	131.45
AT&T Mobility	01-5115-573	50.81
AT&T Mobility	01-9100-573	134.55
AT&T Mobility	01-5120-573	40.32
AT&T Mobility	02-6005-573	103.07
All Season Rent All	01-5120-446	34.75
Amazon Capital	01-5015-334	68.85
Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	16.99
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	15.99
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	319.20
Atmos Energy	01-5020-578	100.86
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	1748.24

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Barren County Business	01-5010-445	15.57
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5081-334A	149.47
Boundtree	01-5120-739C	139.90
Bowling Green Hydraulics	02-6105-588	244.89
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	539.06
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	458.98
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	38.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-725	1399.86
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	338.09
Cintas	02-6105-447	24.95
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	148.99
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	28.50
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	36.26
City of Franklin	01-5020-578	46.94
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	7139.11
Crocker & Crocker	01-5301-332	1198.00
Department of Revenue	Payroll	150.00
Division of Child Support	Payroll	92.31
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	1334.77
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	4516.80
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	126.64
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	505.04
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	84.20
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	641.22
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	921.76
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	198.80
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	5161.07
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	455.55
Federal Express Coporation	01-5120-446	59.99
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	130.15
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	123.45
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5205-573	41.14
Franklin Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	69.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	145.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5015-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	165.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5080-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5160-578	109.00
Franklin Favorite	01-5001-302	173.15
Garage Doors Plus	01-5120-334A	1759.00
Garry Lowery	03-5101-576	15.00
Gerald Printing	01-5080-445	50.40
Grace Pest Control	01-5205-334	50.00
Hardtime Products	03-5101-453	403.20
Hardtime Products	03-5101-411	594.00
Heidelberg Materials	02-6105-409	627.19
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-739C	195.00
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-739A	1169.00
Hill's Manufacturing	03-5101-334	410.00
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	700.63
IRS	Payroll	118632.40
ISTT	01-5091-398	26460.26
Jacob P Mathis	Payroll	429.71
Jacob Webb	03-5101-576	12.31
KACo Benefits Group	Payroll	71888.65
Kellwell Food Management	03-5101-425	24300.69
Kentucky Deferred Compensation	Payroll	8620.00
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	8915.79
Kentucky Retirement Systems	01-5015-205	949.04
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-202	55.86
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-205	909.04
Kentucky State Treasurer	02-6105-574	30.00
Kenway	03-5101-411	943.79
Konica Minolta	01-5070-445	117.46
Marco Technologies	01-5015-564	254.91
Michael Peters	03-5101-576	15.00
Motorola Solutions	01-5135-703B	5600.00
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	01-5010-563	2024.75
Print Media	01-5001-565	146.00
Quill	01-5001-445	23.94
Quill	03-5101-445	240.52
Richard Hicks	01-5015-577	7.94
Scotty's Contracting & Stone	02-6105-446	793.58
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ServiceWear Apparel	01-5080-411	97.66
Shaker Equipment	02-6105-588	27.95
Simpson Co Employee Benefits Acct	Payroll	3636.32
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	254676.98
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	22300.69
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	117024.85
Simpson County Board of Education	01-5076-596	100000.00
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578A	85.00
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
South Central Drug Task Force	01-5160-548	5000.00
Southern KY Cleaning LLC	01-5010-411	300.00
Stonie Towing & Recovery	01-5015-340	175.00
Subscriber's Renewals	01-5001-445	34.00
T- Mobile	01-5120-573	21.46
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	848.30
Terminix	03-5101-334	308.00
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-403	1066.34
Tracking Solutions	03-5101-398	2800.74
Traugher Mechanical	02-6105-447	101.93
Underground Vault & Storage	01-5015-445	68.00
Underground Vault & Storage	03-5101-445	35.00
Velocity Truck Center	01-5120-336	375.98
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
West Payment Center	01-5015-445	337.36
Wex Bank	01-5015-429	6965.59
Wex Bank	01-5135-429	134.23
Wex Bank	01-5080-429	134.36
Wex Bank	01-5115-429	41.45
Wex Bank	01-5160-429	320.86
Wex Bank	02-6105-455	1256.43
Wex Bank	03-5101-429	1274.33
William W Lawrence	Payroll	250.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	143.98
WRECC	01-9100-578	141.59
Wrights Implement	02-6105-588	58.91

Judge Barnes reminded everyone about Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast that will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Methodist Church. The Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Mint. If any of the magistrate's plan to attend, please let Judge Barnes or Administrative Assistant Stacie King know to get you on the list.

Magistrate Marty Chandler reported that the Ambulance Board has four vehicles they would like to surplus and wondered if there were any county vehicles that the department heads would like to be added to the list. Judge Barnes mentioned he would send an email out to everyone, if they do have a vehicle they would like to have, Fiscal Court must have the make, model, and vin number written down.

Chandler also mentioned that residents on Blackjack Road wonder who will keep up with the security lights that light up the parking lot of the former Gold City Store. The store paid the monthly fee to have it and Chandler was curious if that would be something the county would be interested in taking over. Many expressed if the county started that, they would get more request in other areas.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All  
 Approve Combined Public Communications Inmate Telecommunications General Service Agreement and authorize the County Judge to sign.

The contract adds to the Simpson County Jails security system, it will be used for investigative purposes within the Jail, Police & Sheriff's Offices, and KSP. The system tracks every inmate that comes into these facilities and who they are communicating with. The addition of the system will not come to any cost to the county.

Chandler asked the Jailer how his numbers were with State Inmates. Vaughn responded they were at 146 state inmates as of Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. They are going down again but Vaughn stated they are doing good compared to most.

County Clerk Austin Johnson approached the podium to discuss the old county clerk's building. Judge Barnes stated the plan is to sell the old building and put back funds into the cash reserves that they had pulled from to help cover the cost of the new building. The building is cleaned out for the most part, Johnson still needs to talk to Allison about the PVA section of the building to see what they still need to move out. He has had some potential buyers that would like to come and look at the building.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve the authorization of advertising the Courthouse Annex Building for sealed bids, receivable to the County Judges office by 10:00AM on March 20, 2026.

Viewings can be requested by contacting the County Clerk's Office.

Public Works Director Bobby Groves reported that Pat Brown Project will be starting soon, possibly starting in February but not a definitive date.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against on or on behalf of the public agency. (9:09 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Come out of closed session. (10:20 AM)

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-All  
 Adjourn. (10:22 AM)

See Attachment File January 6, 2026

*Marty Chandler*  
 COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE